(b) whether the production was commensurate with its demand;

(c) if not, the reason therefor;

(d) whether any plan has been chalked out/being chalked out to increase the production of coal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA):(a) The information is given below:-

(million tonnes)

S.No.	*State*	**Production of coal during*	
		1990-91	*1991-92 (upto Sept. 91)*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17.708	8.90
2.	Assam	0.679	0.34
3.	Bihar	67.488	27.04
4.	Madhya Pradesh	65.351	29.14
5.	Maharashtra	16.854	7.68
6.	Orissa	16.272	8.30
7.	Uttar Pradesh	10.378	4.42
8.	West Bengal	17.002	7.54
	Total	211.732	93.36

*Note: Excluding-production of coal in meghalaya and J & K

(b) and (c). The current production plus pithead stocks available with us are sufficient to meet the demand of all consumers except steel, where for blending purposes steel plants are importing low ash coking coal.

(d) and (e). Draft 8th Five Year Plan 1992-97 envisages production of coal in the country at the level of 293.21 million tonnes in 1996-97 by opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines and application of new technologies.

Terrorism in Nepal

4748. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks have been held between India and Nepal to curb the rising terrorism in the terai area of Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Non-Official on the Board of Directors of NIC

4749. SHRI P.P. KALIAPERUMAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are non official directors on the Board of directors of the Neyveli Lignite corporation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NAYAMAGOUDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The appointment of the non official Directors in the Board of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited had not been considered necessary.

Press Communique by Indian High Commissioner on Earth Quake

4750. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian High Commissioner in U.K. issued any press communique in regard to recent earthquake in Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its world wide impact on supply of assistance for earthquake victims;

(c) whether the Government have issued any instructions to the Indian Embassies/high Commissions to diseminate information to NRIs on natural calamities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A copy of the Press communique is enclosed. This gesture by the Indian high Commissioner sets an example that would encourage others to make similar contributions.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Press Release Issued by the Indian High Commissioner in U.K. on 30 October, 1991

The Indian High Commissioner, Dr. L.N. SiNghvi, in a letter to Indian Prime Minister, Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, expressed shock and grief at the havoc and loss of life caused by the recent earthquake in the Uttar Kashi region. The High Commissioner assured the Prime Minister that the Indian community in U.K. was most concerned about the plight of the victims and would be willing to make any contribution that would be required to alleviate their sufferings.

The High Commissioner donated the equivalent of his two months' salary to the Prime Minsiter's Fund for the relief of the victims.

[*Translation*]

Allotment of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies in Bihar

4751. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: